

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING DR. CINDY AYERS-ELLIOT

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 15, 2022*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor humanitarian and farmer, Dr. Cindy Ayers-Elliott. Dr. Ayers-Elliott has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication, and the desire to help people in need.

Dr. Ayers-Elliott is a Mississippi native and graduate from Rust College with a bachelor's in business administration, and then became only the second Mississippian to become a National Rural Fellow. Once Ayers-Elliott had completed her fellowship, she moved to New York and worked on Wall Street as an investment banker. After 9/11, she returned to Jackson and received her master's degree and a doctorate in Urban Higher Education from Jackson State University in 2006. She went to work for a local nonprofit that focused on agricultural policy, but she wanted to do more than talk to farmers. In 2010, she "traded high heels for work boots" and "designer suits for overalls." She became a farmer herself, setting up Foot Print Farms on 68 acres in west Jackson.

Foot Print Farms has several projects to combat Mississippi's food deserts. In partnership with the Mississippi Department of Health, Foot Print Farms supply boxes of fresh produce in season to needy families living in food deserts. During the pandemic, Foot Print Farms secured donations and supplied fresh food to three schools in impoverished parts of Jackson. Dr. Ayers-Elliott has been a great asset to her community, and her work never goes unnoticed.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Cindy Ayers-Elliott for her hard work in fighting food insecurities in the State of Mississippi.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF DR. LUMAN HUGHES, JR.

**HON. MARK DeSAULNIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 15, 2022*

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Dr. Luman Hughes, Jr. Luman was born in Iron River, Michigan on July 21, 1930. He attended the University of Michigan where he played in the marching band, met his future wife, Marilyn Benson, and went on to graduate from the University's A.B./M.D. program.

After graduating, Luman was an intern at Presbyterian Hospital and was then drafted to the U.S. Navy. He served two years in Japan then completed his OB/GYN residency at Great Lakes Naval Hospital. After posts in

North Carolina, Guam, and Oakland, Luman joined the Navy Reserves. Luman was the officer responsible for overseeing medical support for the entire Marine Corps Reserve System until he left the reserves in 1990.

Throughout his long and distinguished career in medicine, Dr. Hughes has always shown his dedication to providing compassionate care to the Contra Costa community. He joined John Muir's staff in 1968 as an OB/GYN specialist and was instrumental in the development of many critical programs and projects at John Muir. In 1971, Dr. Hughes founded California's first free-standing surgery center, the Walnut Creek Ambulatory Surgery Center. Additionally, Dr. Hughes co-founded the Muir OB/GYN Medical Group in 1978, served on the Board of Trustees, and was appointed President in 1984.

Luman is also the founder of Walnut Creek Planned Parenthood, which has provided essential care to patients in our community since 1969. His expertise was also sought out by a variety of institutions and organizations. He has worked as a clinical preceptor at UCSF, assistant clinical professor at U.C. Davis, and consultant of gynecology for the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Martinez. Further, he was the founding president of the Diablo Valley Social Advocates for Youth and a member of Alameda Contra Costa Health Systems Agency's governing body and the medical representative of the agency's BiCounty Foundation Committee.

Beyond his professional practice, Luman was also a talented musician and an active member of the community. He sang and played trumpet at Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church, participated in several musical groups in the community, and founded the California Symphony alongside his wife, Marilyn.

Sadly, Luman passed away on June 7, 2022. He is survived by his brother Timothy Hughes, his wife of 68 years Marilyn, son Luman "Sandy" Harold Hughes III (Joan), daughter Laurel DePalatis (Ray), grandchildren Catherine Wrigley (Cody), Jessica Broich (Aaron), Erik Hughes (Erin), and Trevor DePalatis (Katrina), and great grandchildren Kolbie Arcangelo, Symphony Broich, Ezra DePalatis, and two step great grandchildren Mackenna and Kelton Wrigley. He will be remembered for his dedication to service, compassion, and devotion to his family. Please join me in honoring Dr. Luman Hughes, Jr. for his many contributions to our community.

HONORING PATRICIA PRYOR WHITE

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable community leader, Mrs. Patricia Pryor White of Lambert, Mississippi.

Mrs. White was born on January 28, 1957, to the late Alvis & Kelly Lee Pryor of Lambert, MS. She grew up in a loving home and is the second youngest of seven children. Her early educational pursuits began in the Quitman County Schools, where she graduated in 1975. She continued her educational journey and obtained an Associate degree in Business Administration from Northwest Mississippi Community College. After beginning a family of her own and working full time, she later enrolled at the University of Mississippi and received her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Human Resources in 2006, an accomplishment she is most proud of.

Her pleasant spirit and work ethic are unmatched and indicative of her long customer service career at Entergy (formerly Mississippi Power & Light Company), where she worked for 37 years before retiring in November 2021. Before joining Entergy, she was employed for 6 years at Quitman County Hospital and Nursing, and 1 year at Quitman County Development Organization.

Mrs. White is married to Charles D. White of Lambert, MS, and together they have two children, Charles Patrick White and Ashley White Jones. She is a proud grandmother of two sweet girls, Kaci Nicole Alexander (10) and Audré Nichole Jones (2).

Mrs. White has dedicated her life to serving the Quitman County community through her involvement in her church, Mount Zion Baptist Church. There, she serves in many capacities including Administrative Assistant to the Pastor, Treasurer of Finance Committee, and Choir Member.

Additionally, she served as Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer for 18 Years for the Quitman County District Baptist Association.

Since retiring Mrs. White enjoys spending time with her grandchildren and working alongside her children and daughter-in-law by catering and decorating local events through their family-owned and operated business, Pash Events & Catering LLC.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Patricia Pryor White for her dedication, commitment, and remarkable community leadership.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 15, 2022*

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, on the evening of Monday, November 14, 2022, I was unavoidably detained and failed to record my vote on Roll Call No. 478. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 478, on motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended H.R. 5441—PAST Act of 2021.

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HONORING THE LATE BARBARA  
PREE LEWIS

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 15, 2022*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Barbara Pree Lewis, an awesome leader, who left such an amazing legacy and memories behind in Fayette, MS.

Barbara Pree Lewis was born January 26, 1950, to Josie Mae and Lloyd Pree. She peacefully departed this life on Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at Rocky Hollow Lake House in Georgetown, Texas.

Barbara received her formal education through the Jefferson County School District in Fayette, Mississippi, where she graduated from Liddell High School in the class of 1968. Thereafter, she attended and graduated from Alcorn State University in 1972. As a lifelong learner, she received a Master's Degree from Alcorn State University and a second Master's Degree from Delta State University. Along with two master's degrees, she continued to enhance her education by receiving a Specialist Degree from the University of Southern Mississippi. As an educator, she served as a middle school English and reading teacher in Ashland, Mississippi and Fayette, Mississippi.

Barbara also served as a high school English teacher, assistant principal, curriculum director, and high school principal all in the Jefferson County School District. In July 2014, she retired from the education profession with 42 years of service.

In 2006, Barbara joined Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, an organization of educated women through their membership selection process.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the late, Barbara Pree Lewis, for her passion, dedication and leadership she left behind in the Jefferson County School District.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. GLENN GROTHMAN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 15, 2022*

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 478.

HONORING CAPTAIN JULIAN M.  
PLAMANN

**HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 15, 2022*

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the outstanding service of Captain Julian Plamann.

CPT Julian Plamann currently serves as the House of Representatives Liaison Officer for the National Guard Bureau. She ensures the National Guard's prompt response to the

House's 435 members and staffs by coordinating and conducting policy briefs, preparing senior National Guard leaders for Congressional hearings and engagements, and planning and leading Congressional outreach events on Capitol Hill.

She previously served as the Intelligence Engagement Officer for Task Force Spartan—Jordan where she briefed host nation general officers weekly on the regional intelligence picture, helped develop training plans to strengthen partnership capacity, and coordinated trilateral meetings to enhance intelligence sharing.

CPT Plamann is a proud member of the 34th Infantry Division Red Bulls. She has served at a variety of levels within the Division as Platoon Leader, Tactical Intelligence Officer, and ACE Targeting Officer.

In 2015, CPT Plamann was chosen for the position of Aide de Camp to the Deputy Commanding General of U.S. Army Africa in Vicenza, Italy. In this capacity, she acted as the in-person staff representative for the General, traveled monthly to the continent of Africa to participate in training exercises with partner nations, and arranged routine meetings with Embassy staff, attachés, and Security Co-operation Teams in country.

In 2019, CPT Plamann was selected for the Army Congressional Fellowship. As a Defense Fellow for Congressman ANTHONY BROWN, she delivered clear military perspective on all proposed policies and covered the Department of Defense response to COVID-19. During the pandemic, she identified a policy gap for servicemembers and successfully added an amendment to the FY21 NDAA to ensure all Guard and Reserve members receive a good year toward retirement for the set duration of the presidentially declared emergency.

CPT Plamann graduated from the University of Minnesota in 2005 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. She holds a masters degree in Legislative Affairs from George Washington University.

CPT Julian Plamann is a true American who chose to answer the call to serve our country. It is an honor to recognize her incredible service history that is a true depiction of her dedication to the National Guard. I wish her the best as she begins her new role with the National Guard Association of the United States.

HONORING JAMES LEWIS

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious and self-motivated leader, Mr. James Lewis. Mr. Lewis has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication, and a desire to achieve success.

In 2012, Mr. Lewis was a teacher's assistant at the Grove Street Alternative School, just getting his start as an educator and making \$800 a month with no benefits. Thanks to a lot of hard work and a few well-timed breaks, he's now in one of the most prominent jobs in the Vicksburg Warren School District (VWSD).

Lewis, a Vicksburg native, has been hired as the VWSD's next athletics director. The 36-year-old Lewis' career has been quite a rocket

ride. After his humble beginnings at Grove Street, he joined Warren Central's boys' basketball coaching staff as a junior high assistant in 2013. He became the junior high head coach in 2014 and the ninth-grade head coach in 2015.

He led Warren Central's ninth-grade team to a 42-8 record and three consecutive Little Six Conference championships, which opened the door for his first varsity head coaching job. He was hired at Jim Hill High School in Jackson in 2018 and was the MHSAA Region 2-5A Coach of the Year for the 2021-22 season. While at Jim Hill he won Coach of the Year and had a kid make the junior all-star game.

The whole time Lewis was making a name for himself in the coaching world, he was working behind the scenes to eventually transition out of it.

Lewis earned a masters degree in sports administration from Mississippi State before he started teaching. He said it focused mainly on running college, recreational and professional programs and not high school, however, so he went back to school. He earned a specialist degree in educational leadership and administration from Arkansas State University.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. James Lewis for his passion and dedication to achieve new goals.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF WISCONSIN PLASTICS

**HON. MIKE GALLAGHER**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 15, 2022*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the 50th anniversary of Wisconsin Plastics Inc., a second-generation family business in Ashwaubenon.

Founded in 1972 in Wisconsin, the business came from humble beginnings when Jim Christensen, Sr. purchased a small plating shop. Throughout its 50 years of operation, the business transformed from producing injection-molded plastic components with a handful of employees to a workforce of nearly 270 employees today. Wisconsin Plastics has become known for their renowned customer service with the ability to take the desires of consumers and bring them into production realities. I commend Wisconsin Plastics for their continued growth and success for the past 50 years.

In the half-century since the company's inception, Jim Christensen and the entire Wisconsin Plastics team have been committed to the expansion and future of the business. In order to keep up with industry demands, Wisconsin Plastics will double its current 65,000 square foot manufacturing plant with a 70,000 square foot expansion. The company plans to use this additional space for more injection molding machines and component assembly spaces. With this addition, Wisconsin Plastics will use automated and robotic production systems to enhance their existing operations to best serve their devoted customers. I applaud the company's continued efforts to adapt to industry demands.

Wisconsin Plastics is a company that has taken pride in the importance of innovation. For 20 years, the company has utilized 3D printing machines that have become a core

piece of their operation. Wisconsin Plastics is a great example of consistent improvement and growth. Their production of key components of Wisconsin industries speaks to their immense value to the State of Wisconsin. From providing parts for the defense aviation industry to the healthcare industry, Wisconsin Plastics helps keep Wisconsin running and is a true credit to Northeast Wisconsin and the United States of America.

I invite all Members of this body to join me in celebrating the 50th anniversary of Wisconsin Plastics, Inc. I extend my sincerest congratulations to founder Jim Christensen, Sr., current president Jim Christensen, and the entire Wisconsin Plastics team on this outstanding milestone. I wish them lasting success for years to come.

#### HONORING SHEILA APPLEWHITE

### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 15, 2022*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious and remarkable retired educator and cancer survivor, Sheila Applewhite, who has been a champion of breast cancer awareness, advocacy, and service in her community.

In 2007, Sheila was diagnosed with breast cancer. She leaned on her faith and sprung into action, ready to fight. Sheila stated, "I never felt the negative feelings that people tend to feel because I put my trust in God."

As she went through the process of having both breasts surgically removed, the extraction of eight lymph nodes, and chemo and radiation, her preparation remained consistent. "I would pray and anoint my head with oil," Sheila recalled. "I would also pray that God would guide my doctors' and nurses' hands." Sheila's fighting mode consisted of praying, reading, and meditating on scripture.

Since that time, Sheila has retired after a 27-year teaching career, teaching mostly second grade. She taught 6 more years at St. Joe in Greenville.

Her experience has taught her that cancer and cancer treatment varies from person to person. Sheila said that just because one person's response to treatment is hair loss, that doesn't mean it will be similar in another. But she didn't allow it to get that far in her case. "I cut my own hair off before I started receiving treatments," she said. "Some people might begin to worry or become afraid with something like hair loss. But I never felt that way."

Fully retired and enjoying her grandkids, Sheila keeps faith at the center of her life and avails herself as a symbol of hope to those on the opposite end of this journey. Sheila stated, "I never had a bad feeling about what I was going through because God said He would never leave us or forsake us. I always tell those going through cancer treatment to stay positive and put God ahead of your problems. I never felt like I was alone. And I don't mind being someone they can talk to."

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Sheila Applewhite for her dedication to breast cancer awareness, advocacy, service and support to survivors.

#### RECOGNIZING NICK AYERS

### HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 15, 2022*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Nick Ayers for his service to Kentucky's Second District. Prior to joining my D.C. congressional office, the Chesapeake, Virginia, native had great work experience in congressional offices. While he was working on his degree in Public Administration at George Mason University, Nick interned in Congressman Bruce Westerman's office. Following his college graduation, Nick joined Congresswoman Diane Black's office as staff assistant and worked his way up to legislative correspondent.

In March 2019, I welcomed Nick to my team as a legislative correspondent. In this role, he did an excellent job effectively communicating to constituents and responding to their inquiries. His strong knowledge of policy earned him a promotion to legislative aide. Nick met with constituents and researched the issues in his portfolio, including veterans, postal services, science, space, technology, fisheries, and federal budget policy issues.

I want to thank Nick for his work serving Kentucky's Second District as a legislative correspondent and a legislative aide. I wish him the best as he excels in this next chapter of his career on Capitol Hill.

#### HONORING BESSIE ORSBY-JONES

### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 15, 2022*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious and self-motivated leader, Mrs. Bessie Orsby-Jones. Bessie has been a champion of breast cancer awareness, advocacy, and service in her community.

Bessie Orsby-Jones is the Founder of Divine Branches, a support group she started after going into the remission stage of cancer. Mrs. Jones was in great need of a support group, but there was not one available in her community. She had a conversation about her concerns with Kenita Faye Miller, a cancer survivor and classmate of 12 years from St. Louis. Later, Mrs. Jones was given an invitation to join The Breakfast Club Cancer Support group in St. Louis through virtual access. She soon felt strongly about forming a support group of her own. She began a search for survivors in and around Clarksdale. She soon started the support group with Catherine Holmes, Mary Caradine, Vanessa Lampkin and Joyce Clark.

Mrs. Jones said she prayed about the name of the support group and God gave her the word Divine. After she expressed it to the group, one of the members shouted, "Branches." Thus, the name "The Divine Branches" was agreed upon. Divine means directed by God, and branches was based on John 15:5 "I am the Vine you are the Branches." She knew that if the branches stayed connected to the Vine they would go forth and be productive.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Bessie Orsby-Jones for her dedication to breast cancer awareness, advocacy, service and support to survivors, and remembering those who lives were lost during their battle against breast cancer.

#### HONORING MAYOR VELMA D. HENDRIX

### HON. JULIA LETLOW

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 15, 2022*

Ms. LETLOW. Madam Speaker, I ask the House to join me in recognizing the incredible life and tremendous legacy of Mayor Velma D. Hendrix of Melville, Louisiana. Tragically, we lost Mayor Hendrix last week, just hours before the polls closed in her campaign to win a second term in office.

Velma Hendrix was born and raised in Melville, always proud of her roots in this small town on the banks of the Atchafalaya River. She dedicated her life to serving others. Her first calling was as a teacher in St. Landry Parish's schools, impacting the lives of countless students in the classroom.

After a career in education, she stepped up to serve the people of Melville, serving as an Alderman before winning election as Mayor in 2018. She sought the office at age 80, wanting to help others at a time in life when most people are thinking about taking time off.

She ran on a platform of bringing honesty, integrity, and accountability to the municipal government, wanting to rebuild a town that had fallen on tough economic times. When asked by a reporter what her goals were in office, she said, "I just want to see Melville come back."

Madam Speaker, I cannot think of a greater example of dedication to service and commitment to others than Mayor Velma D. Hendrix. While we mourn her untimely passing, we also take comfort in knowing that her legacy will live on in her community.

#### PHILIP NELSON

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 15, 2022*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Phil Nelson for his decades of service to the Citizens' Climate Lobby and to the State of Colorado.

Phil Nelson has been active in the environmental community for most of his life. In 1958, he started his education at MIT and received his B.S. in 1962 and Ph.D. in 1967; both in geophysics. After graduating from MIT, Phil worked at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (1977–1982) as well as the Sohio Petroleum, BP and Book Writing (1982–1987) before finishing his career at the United States Geological Survey (1988–2014). Phil retired in 2014 and continued his passion for environmental issues through volunteer work.

In 2014, he joined the Citizens' for Climate Lobby (CCL) in Golden, Colorado where he served as chair until 2022. This group meets regularly with local, state and federal leaders

and staff members to advocate for and discuss environmental concerns and issues. Through his work, Phil has attended regional and national meetings, lobbied in Washington D.C., and raised awareness of the threat of climate change by making presentations to civic groups and providing information at public events. Phil and members of his CCL chapter have also been active in writing letters to the editor which have appeared in various Colorado news outlets and worked to obtain signatures for petitions, written public comment, and garnered support for various issues across the state. Throughout his time at CCL, Phil's hard work and dedication has proven to be a tremendous asset to the environmental community in Colorado.

I extend my deepest appreciation for Phil Nelson and his service and dedication to our community and the State of Colorado.

**HONORING PASTOR REGINALD BUCKLEY**

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 15, 2022*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious and self-motivated leader, Pastor Reginald M. Buckley.

Pastor Buckley was born in Jackson, MS, to the Rev. and Mrs. Horace L. Buckley. He is a product of Jackson Public Schools and completed his undergraduate education at Tougaloo College. A recipient of the Andrew W. Mellon fellowship, Pastor Buckley entered graduate school at the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana in 1994 and completed the Master of Arts Degree in English Literature in 1996.

In 1998, he was called to serve as the senior pastor of Second Baptist Church of Danville, Illinois, and ministered there for nine years. During his tenure there, he served as Secretary and 2nd Vice Moderator of the Wood River Baptist District Association, the oldest continuous Baptist district association in the nation. Pastor Buckley accepted the call to return to Jackson, MS, and serve as the executive pastor of Cade Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in 2007. After serving for seven years, he assumed the role of Senior Pastor in January 2015. He has served as the Dean and the Executive Director of the Congress of Christian Education for the General Missionary Baptist State Convention of Mississippi and as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Mississippi Baptist Seminary.

A W.K. Kellogg Fellow and a member of the inaugural class of the Mississippi Black Leadership Institute, Pastor Buckley is committed to the causes of community development, social justice, and equity. As executive director of the Cade Development Corporation, he helped to lead in the development of an 81-unit senior citizen apartment complex, which opened in 2012 in the Virden Addition community. Pastor Buckley has served on the board

of directors for the Hinds County Economic Development Authority, the Mississippi Baptist Seminary and Bible College, and currently serves on the Board of Advisors for the Program for Research on Faith, Justice and Health at the University of Houston and the Board of Directors for the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. Pastor Buckley has also been inducted into the Tougaloo College Hall of Fame, is a recipient of the Tougaloo Meritorious Leadership award, and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Pastor Buckley is married to Lecretia A. Buckley, Ph.D. and they are the parents of two children, Jonathan and Anna.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Pastor Reginald M. Buckley for his dedication and passion for his community and the State of Mississippi.

**HONORING THE SERVICE OF AMY WORTH**

**HON. MARK DeSAULNIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 15, 2022*

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Amy Worth.

Throughout her career, Amy has worked tirelessly to build a community in which all Contra Costans can thrive. Amy was elected to the Orinda City Council in 1998 and has served the City of Orinda for the last 24 years, serving as mayor for 5 of those years. Amy has been involved with many regional groups, as Chair of the Contra Costa Mayors Conference, President of the League of California Cities, East Bay Division, and board member of the California Council of Governments (CalCOG). Amy has also played an important role in maintaining operations of Contra Costa libraries, serving as Chair of the Contra Costa Library Commission and President of the Friends of the Orinda Library. Contra Costa and Bay Area residents have benefited greatly thanks to Amy's commitment to public service.

Amy has also been a key part in strengthening our regional transportation system and improving Contra Costa's infrastructure. Amy served as a member and past Chair of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), representing all 19 cities of Contra Costa. She also served as a board member and past Chair of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA). Her leadership was critical in the implementation of Measure J, which helped to add a fourth bore to the Caldecott Tunnel and improved traffic congestion through Contra Costa. Measure J was the result of collaborative efforts between environmental groups, transportation experts, and community members and Amy was recognized by the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of the Women's Transportation Seminar as 2005's Woman of the Year for her leadership on the project. Amy's work has helped to deliver needed improvements on our roads and highways and she has worked tirelessly to meet the transit needs of our county.

It has been my honor to have worked alongside Amy through her many contributions to this community and I am proud to call her a friend. As she enters retirement, please join me in honoring Amy for her 24 years of dedicated service to our community.

**HONORING MINORITY BUSINESS TOPPS PRIVATE INVESTIGATION & SECURITY FIRM, LLC**

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a resilient minority business that is doing great things in their community, Topps Private Investigation & Security Firm, LLC.

Mrs. Ophelia Topps is the Owner and Chief Executive Officer of Topps Private Investigation & Security Firm, LLC. She is a native of Grenada, MS. She is married to Anthony Topps, Sr., and has four children—three boys and one girl, and she also has six beautiful grandchildren.

Mrs. Topps received her bachelor's in criminal justice from the University of Mississippi in 2014. She began her law enforcement career as a Telecommunicator with the Grenada Police Department. After 14 years of service, Mrs. Topps transitioned to a police officer. In 2016, she then retired from the Grenada Police Department as a Detective Lieutenant.

After Mrs. Topps retired, she opened her own business, which is Topps Private Investigation & Security Firm, LLC. Topps Private Investigation is a Minority/Women owned and operated business with over 30 years of law enforcement experience, combined with over ten years of private investigation and security experience.

Mrs. Topps specialize in a diverse range of services pertaining to security and investigations. During her tenure with the Grenada Police Department, she completed multiple training programs that equipped her with the skills needed to protect and serve her community. She has led her team of security guards in different security capacities including at universities, public schools, semi-pro football league, conferences, concerts, corporate buildings, and most recently, Mississippi Department of Health State School and Nashville Metropolitan Development Housing Agency apartment complex towers.

Mrs. Topps is a recipient of the 2013 Bobby L. "Bubba" Wells Motivational Award—Law Fit Challenge. Mrs. Topps' passion is to serve and protect others. Yearly, she adopts a class with the ICS Head Start Center for Christmas. She continues to provide professional service that promotes public safety.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Topps and Topps Private Investigation & Security Firm, LLC for her resilience and hard work her and her firm do for their community.